Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I cannot exactly say now. Some representation was received.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether the Government have passed any orders on the representations?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Some orders also have been passed.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the orders?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—They are not with me just now.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is it to abolish the system?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—No.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Then may I know the contents?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—For that you must give previous notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What is the nature of the orders?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—That is contents, I suppose.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Is the idea of the Government to continue the system or to stop it?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Government have no idea of continuing the system. It continues by itself.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What steps has the Government taken to stop it?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I do not quite follow you. Because the matter did not appear to us to be so very attractive. If you want further information, I shall gather it and supply.

Quality of the materials used by the P. W. D. for works.

149. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what are the arrangements now in vogue to ensure that the materials used by the P. W. D., such as timber, iron, steel, concrete, tiles, bricks, etc., are of the best quality ;

(b) what is the general rule about the supply;

(c) are these supplied by the contractors for the works concerned or are they done departmentally ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Materials used for construction work in the P. W. D. can be broadly classed under two heads.

(1) Materials available in the State in the raw form, such as timber, laterite stones, granite, etc. These are inspected by the Executive Officers and passed by them before they are used in the works.

In regard to (2) manufactured articles, such as tiles, steel, cement, etc., the Department stipulates the Brand and the manufacturers from whom these articles are to be purchased.

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(b) & (c). There is a general rule that the tiles, cement, steel are to be supplied departmentally. In cases where it is found detrimental to the interests of the Government, or where the supply to be made is comparatively small or where such a supply will cause delay to works, the contractors are allowed to make their own arrangements for the supply.

Action taken against the Assistant Engineer.

150. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the action taken against the Assistant Engineer for having submitted the completion report of the canal referred to in question No. 268 of the Legislative Ssession of 1104?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Final orders have not yet been passed.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know how long was this matter pending with the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The final report of the Chief Engineer was received on 4th January.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 142.)

Statement of works executed in Narakkal constituency.

Serial No.	Name of work	Expenditure in 1101	Expenditure in 1102	Expenditure in 1103	Remarks
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Opening a new North to South canal with cross canals in Elangunnapuzha and Narakkal villages. Estimate amount Rs.36,500	11,490	8,500	250	
2	Deepening the water-way leading to Salt Depot at Malippuram	200	199	194	

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 147.)

P. No. 17 of 1104.

Office of the Chief Engineer,
Trichur,
19th July 1929.

Memo.

Ref.—Petition dated Chingam 5, 1104, from Mr. Nambalat Sankunni Panikkar and others of Kunnamkulam and adjoining villages requesting for

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